

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of June 21, 2005, Applicant has amended the specification to overcome the Examiner's rejections to the drawings and to provide consistency as well as address the Examiner's requirement. Applicant is submitting herewith a revised Fig. 13 and a new Fig. 1A. New Fig. 1A is a partial view of Fig. 1 which has been set forth separately in order to show the rake angle α and the height H of the splitting wedge. Fig. 13 has been renumbered to address the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action. The specification has been amended to provide consistency and clarity with these drawing changes. No new matter has been added.

New independent claims 8 and 14 set forth original claim 1 together with the subject matter of claims 5 and 6 respectively. Since the Examiner has indicated that the subject matter of these claims would be allowable if set forth in independent form, it is respectfully submitted that claims 8 and 14 and the claims depending from them are allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to require a guide structure directing the pair of hydraulic cylinders to operate at a proper orientation. It is respectfully submitted that this feature, like the feature set forth in dependent claims 5 and 6, is not shown by the prior art and is therefore allowable. Applicant therefore requests reconsideration of the rejection of claim 1 in view of the amendments.

If the Examiner has any further questions, Applicant's attorney may be reached at (248)
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Respectfully submitted,



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